

LANDS—LOUISIANA AND FLORIDA PURCHASE.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

*Statements from the Register and the Second and Third Auditors of the Treasury.*

JUNE 25, 1834.

Read, and laid upon the table.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

June 24, 1834.

SIR: In obedience to a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 10th of April last, directing the Secretary of the Treasury "to inform this House what amount of money had been received into the Treasury on or before the 30th September, 1832, as proceeds of lands embraced in the Louisiana purchase, and which had been sold by the United States; exhibiting also a statement of payments from the Treasury, for roads or other improvements within the limits of said purchase; also exhibiting the amount of payments by the United States of and upon any claim or claims to lands within said purchase; also payments and expenditures to obtain title to any Indian rights to such lands; also payments to commissioners, officers, &c. who have been employed in the management and sale of lands within said purchase, and so as to exhibit clearly the receipts and expenditures (except the original purchase money) for said lands so purchased by the United States, to the day aforesaid; also similar information concerning the lands embraced in the Florida purchase"—I have the honor to submit the accompanying statements from the Register and the Second and Third Auditors of the Treasury.

I have the honor to be, sir,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

R. B. TANEY,

*Secretary of the Treasury.*

The Hon. JOHN BELL,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

*STATEMENT of the amount of money received into the Treasury, to the 30th September, 1832, on account of land sold in the "Louisiana purchase;" exhibiting also the payments from the Treasury to the same time, on account of roads, and other internal improvements; for land claims; to land commissioners and clerks, including the salaries and commissions of registers and receivers, and the incidental expenses of the several land offices, and the expenses of surveys; also, the amount paid to obtain titles to Indian rights to lands within the said purchase. Prepared in obedience to a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 10th April, 1834.*

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| Amount of money received into the Treasury, to the 30th September, 1832, on account of lands sold within the "Louisiana purchase," | - | - | - | - | \$3,440,450 75 |
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| Payments from the Treasury, to the same time, viz.  |   |   |   |   |                       |
| On account of roads, and other internal improvements,                                     |   |   |   |   | 115,796 23            |
| For land claims,  | - | - | - | - | 222,237 15            |
| To land commissioners, registers, and receivers, and for incidental expenses and surveys, | - | - | - | - | \$23,942 25           |
| To obtain titles to Indian lands, as per reports of the Second and Third Auditors,        | - | - | - | - | 469,918 78            |
| Total,  |   |   |   |   | <u>\$1,631,894 41</u> |

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
Register's Office, June 23, 1834.

T. L. SMITH, Register.

*STATEMENT of the amount of moneys received in the Treasury, to the 30th September, 1832, on account of land sold in the "Florida purchase;" exhibiting also the payments from the Treasury to the same time, on account of roads and other internal improvements; for land claims; to land commissioners and clerks, including the salaries and commissions of registers and receivers, and the incidental expenses of the several land offices, and the expenses of surveys; also the amount paid to obtain titles to Indian rights to lands within the said purchase. Prepared in obedience to a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 10th April, 1834.*

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| Amount of money received into the Treasury, to the 30th September, 1832, on account of lands sold within the "Florida purchase," | - | - | - | - | - | \$528,827 43 |
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| Payments from the Treasury, to the same time, viz.   |   |   |   |   |            |
| On account of roads and other internal improvements, |   |   |   |   | 124,291 15 |
| For land claims,                                     | - | - | - | - | 32,258 57  |

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| To land commissioners, registers, and receivers, and<br>for incidental expenses, and surveys, - - - | 187,792 79          |
| Amount paid to obtain titles to Indian lands, as per<br>the report of the Second Auditor, - - -     | 161,334 93          |
| Total,  | <u>\$505,677 44</u> |

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
*Register's Office, June 23, 1834.*

T. L. SMITH, *Register.*

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
*Second Auditor's Office, June 21, 1834.*

SIR: In obedience to a resolution of the House of Representatives, referred by you to this office, on the 24th of April last, for a report on that part which calls for information as to "payments and expenditures to obtain titles to any Indian rights to lands embraced in the Louisiana purchase;" also "similar information concerning the lands embraced in the Florida purchase"—I have the honor to state—

That the payments and expenditures to obtain title to any Indian rights to lands in the Louisiana purchase, amounted on the 30th September, 1832, as far as can be ascertained from the accounts and documents on file in this office, to \$461,950; and that the total amount of the purchase is \$1,448,111.

And that the lands embraced in the Florida purchase cost \$238,334 93, of which \$161,334 93 had been paid on the 30th September, 1832.

The balances due by the United States on both those purchases, arise out of the annuities payable to the various Indian tribes from whom the purchases have been made.

I have the honor to be, with respect,  
Your obedient servant,

W. B. LEWIS.

The Hon. the SECRETARY of the Treasury.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
*Third Auditor's Office, April 28, 1834.*

SIR: In compliance with your directions of the 24th instant, "to report on that part of the resolution of the House of Representatives which calls for information as to payments and expenditures to obtain title to any Indian rights to lands embraced in the Louisiana purchase," I have the honor to state that an examination of the books of this office has been made, (the accounts and vouchers having been destroyed by the burning of the public offices,) and the following entries are found to be made, and are the only cases ascertained to designate payments or expenditures for the purposes above stated, viz,

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| Paid by William Clark, agent of Indian Department at St. Louis, to sundry persons for merchandise for Indians of different nations, and generally for the use of the Indian Department, between the 6th February and 20th October, 1808, including articles furnished the Great and Little Osage nations, in conformity to a treaty made with them by Governor Lewis on the 10th November, 1808, | \$4,968 78     |
| For sundry merchandise delivered by George C. Sibley, United States factor at Fort Osage, to the Great and Little Osage nation of Indians, in full of their annuities for the year 1810,   | \$1,500        |
| For sundry merchandise delivered by said Sibley to the same nation of Indians, in full of their annuities for the year 1811,   | <u>\$1,500</u> |

Other payments may have been made for the same object; but as the entries on the books are general, and charged to the Indian Department, and as the accounts and vouchers cannot be referred to, it is impracticable to furnish any further information on the subject from the records in this office.

I have the honor to be, most respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

PETER HAGNER, *Auditor.*

The Hon. ROGER B. TANEY,

*Secretary of the Treasury.*